

Gbandi language

The **Bandi language**, also known as **Bande**, **Gbande**, **Gbandi** and **Gbunde**, is a Mande language. It is spoken primarily in Lofa County in northern Liberia by the Gbandi people.^[3]

Bandi has six dialects: Hasala, Hembeh, Lukasa, Wawana, Wulukoha, and Tahamba, which is the dialect used for literature.^[3] The dialects have a lexical similarity of 96% among one another, and 83% with the most similar dialect of the Mende language.^[3]

See also

- Languages of Liberia

The Gbandi language has the following dialects: Wawoma, Tahamba, Hembeh, Hassallah, Lukasu and Lukassu.

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Gbandi	
Native to	Guinea, Liberia
Native speakers	ca. 100,000 (2001) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mande<ul style="list-style-type: none">Western Mande<ul style="list-style-type: none">Southwestern<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mende–Loma<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mende–Bandi<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bandi–Zialo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gbandi</div>
Dialects	<div>Tahamba <div>Wawoma</div> <div>Vukoha</div> <div>Hasala</div> <div>Lukasu</div> <div>Hembeh</div> </div>
Writing system	Latin
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	bza
Glottolog	band1352 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/band1352) ^[2]

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